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(C) In a March 26 meeting with Ambassador Khalid Abdul Mohsen Al-Babtain, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Americas Department Director, the DCM delivered reftel demarche and left a copy of the non-paper. Al-Babtain said he would share the information with his superiors and asked whether foreign fighters constituted a serious element of the fighters in Iraq. DCM responded that the greatest concern was that the fighters were becoming more radicalized and gaining experience that they would bring back to their home countries. Al-Babtain noted that Kuwaitis are increasingly vigilant about preventing their sons from becoming involved in extremism.

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